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**FORMER PHOENIX LETTER CARRIER SENTENCED TO PRISON
FOR FAILING TO DELIVER OVER 200 PIECES OF MAIL AND
POSSESSING METHAMPHETAMINE WITH INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE**

PHOENIX -- Kimberly Sue Haney, 40, of Phoenix, was sentenced here Tuesday to one year in prison and ordered to perform 100 hours of community service while serving three years of supervised release, by U.S. District Judge Roslyn O. Silver. On November 2, 2006, Haney pleaded guilty to one count of Theft of Mail Matter by a Postal Service Employee and one count of Possession of Methamphetamine With Intent to Distribute.

In the course of her guilty plea, Haney admitted she was a U.S. Postal Service letter carrier in 2005 and worked out of the Phoenix Post Office's Maryvale Station. During her employment, Haney failed to deliver over 200 pieces of mail over the course of several days. The mail included a social security card and numerous credit card solicitations. Haney was required to deliver this mail as part of her duties as a letter carrier. However, on one occasion in early October 2005, she took 76 pieces of the mail to her residence and later threw it out in her residential trash can on October 4, 2005. This mail was later recovered by the Postal Inspection Service and the Phoenix Police Department. After this incident, Haney took approximately 148 additional pieces of the mail to her residence intending to throw it out later in the same manner. This mail was recovered by the same law enforcement agencies during the execution of a search warrant on October 7, 2005. During a search of Haney at her residence on that date, the agencies found 5.8 grams methamphetamine in four clear plastic baggies in a lunch box she was carrying along with \$425.00 in cash.

At sentencing, the government noted that Haney had abused her position of trust as a letter carrier, at least 159 different victims had been identified and a number of the victims' confidence in the mail system had been damaged as a result of Haney's conduct. Haney tearfully apologized to the victims and her own family prior to being sentenced by Judge Silver.

Haney was in pretrial custody pending sentencing and was remanded to the custody of the Federal Bureau of Prisons by Judge Silver upon being sentenced.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the United States Postal Inspection Service and Phoenix Police Department. The prosecution is being handled by Frederick A. Battista, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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